

**Amendments to the Specification**

On the first page of the application, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

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Page 6, line 22, please insert --PWM-- before “enable”.

Page 7, line 9, please change “ustilized” to --utilized--.

Page 11, line 13-14, please delete “the capacitor 40 is discharged by the protection circuit 26 so that the output signals NDR1 and NDR2 operate in a minimum state to deliver minimum power” and insert - -block 30 neither sources nor sinks capacitor 40- -.

Page 11, line 15, please insert - -or discharge- - after the word “charge”.

Page 12, line 8, please insert - -PWM- - before “enable”.

Page 14, lines 1 and 2, please delete the sentence “In this case, current feedback Isens is derived from both lamps 66 and 70 from the voltage dividers R1, R2 and R3, R4.” and insert - -In this case, since lamps 66 and 70 are in series, current feedback Isens is derived from the voltage divider R1, R2.- -

Page 14, line 17, please replace “Vsens” with - -Vdim- - in both occurrences.

Page 14, line 23, please change “Q” to - -Q2- -.